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SUBJ: GOT RESPONSE TO GREEK/CYPRIOT TERRORISM

1. SUMMARY: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GREEK-CYPRIOT AFFAIRS INFORMED EMBOFF ON INSTRUCTIONS THIS AFTERNOON MARCH 24 THAT GOT MAY BE FORCED TO RESPOND VERY FORCEFULLY TO TERRORIST ACTS INITIATED BY AN ORGANIZATION NOW BEING FORMED BY GREEK-CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. END SUMMARY.

2. GUVENDIREN EXPLAINED THAT THE GOT HAS EVIDENCE THAT THE GREEK-CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION THROUGH A QUOTE POLITICAL PARTY CLOSE TO MAKARIOS UNQUOTE IS FINANCING AND ARMING A NEW TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, WHICH MAY TAKE ACTION AGAINST TURKS ON CYPRUS AND ELSEWHERE. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUERY, GUVENDIREN STATED THAT FORMATION OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS NOW WELL ALONG AND THAT IT COULD BE EXPECTED TO GO INTO ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. THE GOT WISHED THE USG TO KNOW IN ADVANCE, GUVENDIREN

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CONTINUED, THAT ALL TERRORIST ACTS BY THIS GROUP WILL DRAW A

TURKISH REACTION OF A MAGNITUDE TO DISCOURAGE STRONGLY PURSUIT OF THESE TACTICS. GUVENDIREN AFFIRMED THAT THE GOT WOULD NOT PERMIT ITSELF TO BE PLACED IN THE POSITION THE U.K. HAD FOUND ITSELF VIS-A-VIS GREEK-CYPRIOT TERRORISTS.

4. WHEN TURKISH CHARGE BROUGHT THIS DEVELOPMENT TO ATTENTION OF GREEK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, GUVENDIREN SAID, GREEKS HAD SHRUGGED MATTER OFF AS "INTERNAL CYPRIOT AFFAIR." WHEN ASKED IF GOG APPROVED TERRORISM, ATHENS MFA OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT GOT SHOULD EXPECT THIS RESULT OF ITS INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS. NOTING THAT HIS WORDS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN OFFICIAL DEMARCHE REQUIRING U.S. ACTION, GUVENDIREN SAID THE USG COULD USE THIS INFORMATION IN ANY WAY IT FELT PROPER. OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, HE ADDED, WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE INFORMED.

5. SPEAKING IN THIS INSTANCE "PERSONALLY AND NOT ON INSTRUCTIONS", GUVENDIREN SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATION TO CYPRUS WOULD RESULT IN THIS TERRORIST ORGANIZATION'S STILLBIRTH BUT, IF TURKS SUFFER TERRORIST ACTIONS, PUBLIC PRESSURE WOULD MAKE GOT PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT VERY DIFFICULT. MACOMBER

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